

## Weekly Field Memo – June 25, 2014

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### NEWS & UPDATES:

#### Four Vermont High Schools Awarded Public Outreach Grant

##### Audience: All

Otter Valley Union High School, Twinfield Union School, Champlain Valley Union High School and Colchester High School were awarded grants from the AOE to help build public understanding and support for the [Act 77 Legislation](#) of 2013 designed to provide students with multiple pathways to graduation. [Click here](#) to read the press release.

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#### Luke Foley, 2014 Vermont Teacher of the Year, Featured on VPR

##### Audience: All

VPR recently spoke with Luke Foley and students from Northfield Middle-High School's STAR program – Students Taking Alternative Routes. Listen to the interview [here](#). Connect with Luke on [Twitter](#).

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#### Spotlight on Agency Contact Info: Nutrition Team

##### Audience: All

The nutrition team can be reached as follows:

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Learn more about the nutrition team here: <http://education.vermont.gov/nutrition>.

#### AOE Communication

##### Audience: All

Our press releases, field memos, calendar of events, and more are online: <http://bit.ly/11ajrtH>. View our strategic plan here: <http://bit.ly/1cZbMBP>. Connect with the AOE on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).

## LEGISLATIVE & REQUIRED ACTIONS:

### Annual Technology Survey OPEN for submissions

**Audience:** Technology Coordinators, Principals

**Deadline:** July 31, 2014

The **required** annual survey of all schools around education technology is open for submissions. Please make every effort to complete the survey for each school by July 31<sup>st</sup>. For instructions and direct link to the survey: <https://survey.uvm.edu/index.php/43466/lang-en>.

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## EDUCATOR QUALITY:

### Training for Evaluators: Vermont Guidelines for Teacher and Leader Effectiveness

**Audience:** Superintendents, Principals

There will be a training for evaluators to implement the [Vermont Guidelines for Teacher and Leader Effectiveness](#). Ten pilot school districts/SUs will be selected to take part in this first cohort of training. If you are interested in being part of the pilot, please submit your contact info to Marta Cambra via [email](#). More information may be found [here](#).

**Contact:** Marta Cambra, Director of Educator Quality, 802-479-1701 [marta.cambra@state.vt.us](mailto:marta.cambra@state.vt.us)

### HQT Status on Licenses in Online Licensure System

**Audience:** Renewing Educators

Educators registering in the new AOE [online licensing system](#) may encounter a blank under the HQT status of their license. If the educator was previously identified as being HQT, this blank is due to a data migration issue that we are working to address. Educators may always use their official HQT letters as evidence of their HQT status, as needed. If the HQT status on an educator's license is not updated by **August 1, 2014**, please contact Amy Anderson via [email](#).

**Contact:** Educator Quality, 802-479-4313 or [aoe.licensinginfo@state.vt.us](mailto:aoe.licensinginfo@state.vt.us)

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## STANDARDS & ASSESSMENTS:



### Common Core State Standards (CCSS): Resources on the Agency's Website

**Audience:** All

Check out our Common Core page: <http://bit.ly/1m9D7b4>; resources are added regularly. [Click here](#) to learn more about CCSS ELA and [click here](#) to learn more about CCSS Mathematics.

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### Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS): Resources on the Agency's Website

**Audience: All**

Check out our Science page: <http://education.vermont.gov/science>; resources are added regularly.

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**Smarter Balanced Assessment: FAQ****Audience: All**

What are the three components in Smarter Balanced? [Click here](#) to read the answer. Read past FAQs here: <http://education.vermont.gov/sbac/frequently-asked-questions>.

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**OTHER EDUCATION NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS:****State Board of Education: June Meeting & Board Retreat****Audience: All**

The State Board of Education is meeting June 24-25, 2014 at the Sheraton Burlington Conference Center. The [agenda](#) and meeting materials are available online: <http://bit.ly/1ej6nbE>.

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**School Crisis Command Updates****Audience: All**

In June 2014, the Vermont School Crisis Planning Team (VSCPT) revised the state guidance for [school crisis commands](#) to be utilized by all schools in Vermont. These revisions serve to streamline the commands and bring clarity to the recommended actions upon issuing every command. [Click here](#) to see these and other additions to the School Crisis Guide.

**Contact:** Steve Early, VSCPT Chair, [searley@gmavt.net](mailto:searley@gmavt.net) or 802-338-5316

**Understanding the Principalship****Audience: New / Veteran Vermont Principals**

Participants in this cohort will meet monthly to explore how effective principals deal with the multiple roles and responsibilities of a Vermont Building Leader and will hear directly from Vermont's leading experts in the field. Learn more and register here: [www.cvedcvt.org](http://www.cvedcvt.org)

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**11 Schools Selected for Statewide 2014-2015 Farm to School Institute****Audience: All**

Bristol Elementary, Lake Region UHS, Lothrop Elementary, Mary Hogan Elementary, Missisquoi Valley, Newton, Orchard, Putney Central, Richmond Elementary, Shelburne Community and Two Rivers Supervisory Union selected to join the Farm to School Institute: [Click here](#) to learn more.

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**Vermont School Counselor Association (VTSCA) Seeking Nominations for Three Awards****Audience: All**

**Deadline: September 19, 2014**

Is there someone who has made a difference to your school, a leader and innovator who has helped improve your school environment? Someone who has advocated for and encouraged all students to achieve? VTSCA is seeking nominations for three awards! [Click here](#) to learn more.

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